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Dear Sir/Madam:

I have been involved in flying radio controlled model airplanes for over 15 years. I am a member of a club that has 150 members and many of the members are actively involved in flying model airplanes. We have invested a considerable amount of money, time, and effort in building the airplanes.

I am very concerned about the proposals that are under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by putting them into narrow band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

I do not think that it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think that we are not as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio control

equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hoffman, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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